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Dear Commissioner Henney:

I am writing to support permanent mandatory labeling of irradiated foods with a disclosure statement and the Radura logo.

I believe labeling of irradiated foods is essential to protecting my right to make an informed choice about the food I buy. The current radiation disclosure statement does not cause "inappropriate anxiety" among members of my household. To the contrary, it conveys essential and meaningful information to us in a non-misleading manner. I strongly feel that consumers are being misled by the absence of a radiation disclosure statement in the labeling of irradiated foods.

I object to any proposal to reduce the size of the disclosure statement and Radura logo or move the labeling to a less conspicuous part of the food packaging or produce displays. I also believe that labeling should be required for foods containing irradiated ingredients, as well as foods in their whole form.

Also, changing the terminology of labeling to "cold pasteurization" or other names to replace "treated by irradiation" or "treated with radiation" would be misleading to me as a consumer who has become familiar with irradiation labeling in place since 1986.

Including an expiration date for labeling irradiated foods would essentially eliminate my right to choose the types of products I purchase. Again, I support prominent and permanent labeling of all irradiated foods.

Sincerely,


Isabel Bauer

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